

Town of Mercer
Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2017
(unapproved)

- Chairman John Sendra called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the Haines Building.
- **Roll Call:** Chairman John Sendra, Supervisors Tom Thompson, Mike Lambert, Chuck Schroepfer, Jeff Stenberg, Clerk Christan Brandt, Treasurer Lin Miller and Attorney Fritz Schellgell.
- **Approval of prior meeting minutes:** Motion to approve the October 5, 2017 meeting minutes made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Public Comment:** Bill Olsen asked about matters on County Road FF. Attorney Schellgell stated that those issues need to be taken to the County.
- **Bob Singler regarding his equipment on town property off Popko Circle:** Attorney Schellgell stated that there is no written agreement and it was most likely a courtesy when work was being done on the Trude Lake Bridge which was about 3 or 4 years ago as well as with the prior administration. We have no legal obligation, and he advises that we ask Mr. Singler to remove his equipment, and that we do not sell any materials. It was stated to send a letter asking him to remove the equipment from the property in a certain time frame or we will have it moved. The letter will also note that the town is not interested in selling materials.
- **Signage on Lakeshore Dr:** Bill Brundage stated that the sign has already been taken care of and it was appreciated.
- **Mercer Chamber requesting permission to take over the 4th of July:** Due to the prior main members of the committee resigning, the Chamber is willing to step in and take over the funds and the committee. Attorney Schellgell stated that he would like to check on this before the town does anything to make sure this will be alright. Chairman Sendra also asked if the Chamber could provide the names of who will be on the Committee and some plans on what they plan on doing. Motion to postpone made by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **MECCA Ski Club to request Donation:** Mike Shouldice, President of the MECCA thanked the Board for the years of support and hopes that they will continue to do so. He went on to state that the MECCA is used year-round and that they have saved over half the cost to put in a vault toilet that will cost around \$7000.00. They are requesting \$2500.00 of room tax funds to finish covering the cost. Attorney Schellgell stated that it would not be a donation it would be a contract with the club to improve our realty. The Motion to contract \$2500.00 to MECCA Ski Club made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Eagle Waste contract, Town garbage bag fees and hours:** Chairman Sendra stated that he went through the contract and we are stuck in it for the next four years, but Attorney Schellgell will review it. The Town is at a shortfall of over \$5,000.00 when it comes to the garbage. Christan and I have gone through the hours and came up with a plan to cut on cost. We figured we will have summer hours at 7 days a week for 14 weeks with one person working every day except two on Saturday. Winter hours will be 4 days a week for 38 weeks with one person working. The other matter is the price of bags. He thinks to maybe raise the bag prices by a quarter. Motion to raise the price of the bags by a quarter made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Accommodation Tax Commission to appoint 2 seats:** The Ordinance stated who the 5 members must be and one is no longer qualified and has resigned. Lin Miller will contact a few of the resort owners who are not on the Flowage to see if we can get the seat filled. The other

seat is the Chairman. Motion to place John Sendra on the Room Tax Commission made by John Sendra, seconded by Mike Lambert. Carried.

- **Accommodation Tax Ordinance:** Due to some questions that arose at the last meeting by Bill Brundage, Attorney Schellgell looked the ordinance over and he found a typo regarding the Commission. On Page 3 section C it should read Commission and not Committee. Motion to change to the correct verbiage made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Questions regarding Mercer Sanitary/ Public Fire Protection:** Supervisor Mike Lambert asked about a fee that he heard was approved for people who live 3000 feet from a hydrant and were not in the district. It was stated that the information was correct. Supervisor Lambert also asked if the town could dissolve the district. Attorney Schellgell did not know but stated that he would look into it and get back to them.
- **Fee Schedule:** Chairman Sendra and the Clerk went over the schedule and did a lot of research. It needs to be addressed and looked at very closely. We are looking at around \$2400 a month in expenses just for the Community Center, and we need a new roof at the cost of \$33,000.00. The last time the fees were mentioned many stated we pay taxes. We have checked into many other towns and all of them charge fee for their centers regardless of who they are. We have so many people coming forward wanting money and for us to operate without raising taxes, this needs to be done. With the usage of the building comes custodial wages, utilities, supplies, these are direct amounts of usage and not everyone uses that building. We need to try to offset some of the costs for this. We are looking at maybe an annual fee for certain clubs or a minimal fee. The board agrees that fees need to be charged. They will come up with user fees and bring this back for board approval.
- **Vouchers:** The Clerk presented the checks for 37165 to 37190, 1000330 in the amount of \$39,549.06 and the vouchers for checks 37191 to 37215 totaling \$209,129.99. Motion to approve the vouchers and issue the checks made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer stated that the general account had an ending total of \$298,521.39 and our total amount of funds was \$1,475,793.02. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer. Carried.
- **Bartender License:** An application for Jourdyn McGrath. Motion to approve made by Supervisor Mike Lambert, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.
- **Chair's Report:** He spoke with Jim Miller, who is the aid to Duffy, and he directed him to Jerry Pertrowski from DOT to see if he could do anything to help with the Cramer Lake Bridge issue.
- **Supervisor Chuck Schroepfer:** Stated that the County Park Culvert was sent into the County for reimbursement. The crew has been out on Diamond and Roamers Roads removing trees. The power at the old garage has been moved.
- **Supervisor Jeff Stenberg:** There is a headstone at the Cemetery that is tipped over and it is not a one-man job. What can we do or who can we contact? It was stated to maybe contact Bill Gust to see if he knows someone.
- **Supervisor Tom Thompson:** He stated that at the County Recycle meeting they agreed to pay rent when we get the new shed for the guys to stay in. Lori and Christan will get in contact with one another and work out details. He also spoke with Joe Pinardi, Chairman of the County Board, regarding the garbage that is left in front of the gate at recycle. He may be willing to make it a County Ordinance so that the Sheriff would and could enforce it.

- **Clerk Correspondence:** Stated that we received another letter from Larry Mirkes regarding Stafford Point and a copy is in the supervisors' packets. Attorney Schellgell stated the town owns Stafford's Point road as it is a plated road, and we have the right to work it. Chairman Sendra stated that Mr. Mirkes keeps sending letters and where does it end? Attorney Schellgell stated that if one more comes we just state that we have answered all his questions already and leave it at that.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Jeff Stenberg, seconded by Supervisor Tom Thompson. Carried.

Approved:

Christan Brandt, Town Clerk